

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Botetourt	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-11-45-0075	DATE 11/12/69

1. NAME			
COMMON: FINCASTLE PRESERVATION ZONE			
AND/OR HISTORIC: FINCASTLE			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 220, 14 miles North of Roanoke, Virginia.			
CITY OR TOWN: Fincastle			
STATE Virginia		CODE 45	COUNTY: Botetourt
			CODE 023
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	STATUS
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>
			Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	village
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Varied - public and private			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Fincastle		STATE: Virginia	CODE 45
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Botetourt County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER: Court Square			
CITY OR TOWN: Fincastle		STATE: Virginia	CODE 45
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 85			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1957-58 Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington		STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 08

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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>		
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		(Check One) Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>Historically significant, Fincastle is an excellent example of a typical small nineteenth-century town, and today retains the aura of a small agricultural community of that era. The decrease in population over the last one hundred years has been responsible in large part for the lack of modernization, and for the preservation of its early architecture. The skyline has changed very little, and is still dominated by the spires of its three churches, and cupola of the court house.</p> <p>According to local tradition, the court house (1845) was based on plans submitted by Mr. Jefferson for an earlier court house. It is a fine provincial example of the Roman Revival style, beautifully rendered in red brick and whitewashed stucco. The Greek Revival is well represented by the Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church, provincial examples of that style executed in native materials. The Gothic Revival style is seen in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, dating from 1837. The town jail should be noted as an example of late Victorian architecture.</p> <p>Domestic architecture is represented by a number of fine early buildings including the Peck House, a small, 16 feet x 20 feet, log house typical of those being built in the late-eighteenth century; the Selander House (<u>circa</u> 1800); the Ammen House (<u>circa</u> 1826) on Catawba Street, a fine Federal house; and the Kyle House (1832) which is especially noteworthy for the elaborately carved woodwork on the interior.</p> <p>Nearly all of Fincastle's early buildings are little altered and are well maintained. The town is unified by both the homogeneous scale of its buildings and by the use of local materials. Its appearance is further enhanced by its setting in a particularly beautiful landscape of rolling hills and mountains.</p>			

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8. SIGNIFICANCE				
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)				
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>		
Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>		
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>		
Commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>		
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>			
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)				
<p>Fincastle began as a colonial frontier village. During its early years it was one of the last outposts for pioneers moving westward down through the Valley of Virginia. Its wide and shady streets have changed little since they were planned and laid out in 1770 by the County Surveyor, William Preston. The town was officially founded in 1772, being established by an act of the Virginia Assembly, and named in honor of Lord Fincastle, the son of Lord Dunmore, the royal governor. The name replaced the earlier one of Botetourt Court House.</p>				

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8. Statement of Significance

Fincastle, the county seat of Botetourt County, Virginia, played an important role in the development of western Virginia in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Virtually unchanged from the time of the Civil War until recently, the village presented a little altered picture of rural 19th-century America. However, recent undistinguished construction and the unfortunate destruction by fire of the fine Neo-classical court house built in 1845 have fragmented the visual unity that is the chief asset of such areas.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Frances J. Niederer, The Town of Fincastle. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1965; William B. O'Neal, Architecture in Virginia. Richmond: 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	37° 30' 08"	79° 52' 57"				
NE	37° 30' 08"	79° 52' 12"				
SE	37° 29' 41"	79° 52' 12"				
SW	37° 29' 41"	79° 52' 57"				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director	
ORGANIZATION Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	DATE June 2, 1969
STREET AND NUMBER: 1116 Ninth Street State Office Building	
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE Virginia
	CODE 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Edw. P. Alexander by J. Du
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date 10-7-69

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date

ATTEST:

William J. Hunt
Keeper of The National Register

Date

OCT 31 1969

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Report #218-1,4,5,6,9,11,12,22
1969 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building -
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45
2. Bounded on the north by the intersection of Rt. 220 and Rt. 1204,
extending .22 miles east of the intersection of Rt. 606 and Rt. 1210,
bounded on the south by the intersection of Rt. 220 and Rt. 1204,
bounded on the west by the intersection of Rt. 606 and Rt. 630.

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Fincastle property description:

Following the northern boundary of Fincastle lots numbered 102, 95, 94, 93, 89, 88, 87, 86, 188, 80, 76, and 73.

Following the eastern boundary of Fincastle lots numbered 73, 72, 71, 70, 69, 138, 140, and 146.

Following the southern boundary of Fincastle lots numbered 84, 33, 32, 31, the portion of 30 which borders on 85, 23, 21, 15, 20, and 102.

See Fincastle map by O. W. Gray and Son, 1880.

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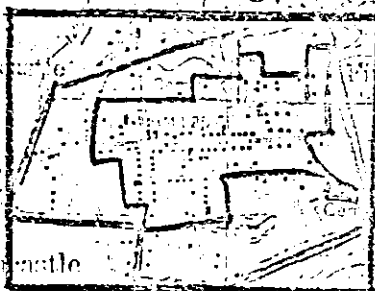


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